

"Proposed Middle School Uniform Dress Code" Performance Task

Mrs. McQueeney, Brandon's principal, will soon be attending a middle school principal's meeting. There is a proposed school uniform dress code that will be up for discussion, and she wants your informed opinion!

- Read "Uniform Style" in *Holt Elements of Literature* (pg. 252) and read the proposed middle school dress code below.
- Think about the answers to the three question prompts at the top of the next page.
- Complete the graphic organizer "Take a Stand!"
- Write a persuasive letter of recommendation to Mrs. McQueeney!

*"The school's dress code is established to teach hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, and avoid safety hazards. Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the building administration. Students not adhering to the school dress code policy will be referred to the counselors. Parents will be contacted. **Students will not be allowed to attend school/classes until proper uniform attire is attained.**"*

Middle School Dress Code (draft)

Uniform Items Allowed

Shirts



- **SOLID** colors: Navy blue / Lt. blue, red / burgundy, purple, white, yellow, and green
- School polo shirts which have the school logo and can be purchased through the school
- Oxford-long or short-sleeve w/ collar
- Polo- long or short sleeve w/collar
- Turtle necks- long or short sleeve
- Shirts must be long enough so that they can be worn tucked inside
- All shirts must have snaps or buttons
- **Sweaters:** any **solid** color crew neck, V-neck, cardigan or vest

Prohibited

- Shirts with writing or logos
- **NO cleavage** or undergarments can be seen
- Tee shirts, flannel shirts, oversized sweaters or fleece shirts
- Shirts without collars or sleeves

Bottoms

- **SOLID:** navy, khaki / tan
- **TRADITIONAL STYLE** pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers, capris, pedal pushers or cargo pants
- Skirts, shorts and jumpers (must meet the fingertip test for length)
- Jumpers must be worn with tops
- Pants must be worn above the hips



- Denim / jean material (any color)
- Skinny pants
- **NO leggings** can be worn under skirts, jumpers or shorts
- Sweat pants
- Overalls
- Oversized pants

Shoes



- Must have backs
- Heels should be no more than 2" high

- Flip flops
- Sandals (of any kind)
- Shoes that don't cover toes

Accessories

- Belts must be worn in the belt loops
- Only one belt can be worn
- One pair of matching socks can be worn at a time
- Stockings / tights must have feet



- Excessively large belt buckles that light up, glitter, etc.
- Bandannas
- Hats, caps, sweatbands or related head dress cannot be worn during school hours
- Decorative ornaments (stitching, beads, chains, etc.) are prohibited

Other

Please Note:
All other school division dress code policies must be followed



- Hooded sweatshirts can be worn in **SOLID** navy blue, grey or black (no logos)
- Hair must be well groomed
- Good taste and moderation should govern makeup
- Students must wear different color tops and bottoms. Same color tops and bottoms are prohibited

- Sweatshirts cannot be worn after Spring Break
- Skin-tight clothing or Lycra is prohibited
- Writing, symbols, graphics or graffiti cannot be written or seen on shoes, books or backpacks
- A uniform shirt **MUST** be worn under a uniform sweatshirt or uniform sweater.

Performance Task Question Prompts - Mrs. McQueeney needs your point of view!

1. Help Mrs. McQueeney - What are the positive and negative effects of implementing a school uniform dress code in Virginia Beach middle schools?
2. What information is **not** included in your reading that might help you make an informed decision about this issue? Include in your description where this information might come from and how it might have helped you make your decision.
3. Write a persuasive letter of recommendation to our principal, Mrs. McQueeney, about the proposed middle school uniform dress code. We want your voice to be heard! You are a stakeholder in your own future!

"Proposed Middle School Uniform Dress Code" Take A Stand Graphic Organizer

I have chosen to TAKE A STAND on this issue:

- Virginia Beach Schools **should** implement a school uniform dress code policy in middle schools.
- Virginia Beach Schools **should not** implement a school uniform dress code policy in middle schools.

Reason #1	Reason #2	Reason #3
Justification/Evidence	Justification/Evidence	Justification/Evidence

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Persuasive Essay Graphic Organizer

Paragraph #1 - Introduction

- Attention-grabbing beginning -
- Description of issue -
- Opinion Statement -

Paragraph #2

Reason #1 -

Evidence to support
(details and examples)

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Paragraph #3

Reason #2 -

Evidence to support
(details and examples)

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Paragraph #4

Reason #3 -

Evidence to support
(details and examples)

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Paragraph #5 - Conclusion

- Restate opinion -
- Summarize 3 reasons -
- Call to action or closing statement -